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Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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Abstract

The invention relates to an An energy supply unit [[(5)]] for a measuring device [[(1)]] for determining and/or monitoring a physical or chemical, process variable of a medium. The invention includes that Included is at least one voltage limiting unit [[(10)]] and/or at least one current limiting unit (15) is provided in the energy supply unit [[(5)]], wherein the voltage limiting unit [[(10)]] is embodied in such a manner that arising voltages remain under a value, which leads to an explosion in an explosion-endangered area, and wherein the current limiting unit [[(15)]] is embodied in such a manner that arising currents and/or heatings associated therewith remain under a value, which leads to an explosion in an explosion-endangered area.